

MARSHFIELD TENNIS CLUB

Minutes of the MTC Annual General Meeting 2025

Held on January 16th 2025

Present: Adrian Penn (Chair), Michael White, Di Pressdee, Bryony Edwards, Ed Butler, Steve Fiddes, Laurence Jarosy, Jacqui Jarosy, Mark Tyrell, Sarah Betts, Sam Hull

Apologies: Simon Gaylard

Item No.	Report:
1.	Chairman's Report – Adrian Penn:
	<p>The year has been a successful one at MTC both on and off the court. In the Chippenham and District Tennis Leagues we ran eight teams through the summer and two in the winter months. Notable performances included the Mixed B team winning their Division and the Women's A team and Men's B Team being runners up. The Club Championships were competitive and superbly organised once again by Di. Thanks to Sam for organising the intraclub box leagues and those who ran the American Tournaments. The Tuesday Club evening has been well attended and been successful in enabling new members to integrate themselves into the Club.</p> <p>Social events through the year have been well received and a particular thanks to Steve for his sterling work organising the Presentation Evening Party so successfully.</p> <p>Financially the Club is in a strong position reflecting the sustained membership levels enabled by Di and the work of Simon as Treasurer.</p> <p>The Coaching programme designed and delivered by Sam remains an essential bedrock for the Club and has been delivered to an exemplary standard. A particular note of congratulations to Sam on his capture of the World Record for a Marathon run dressed and equipped as a Tennis Player. The athletic achievement and charitable fundraising were inspirationally World Class.</p> <p>The Club maintains its LTA venue registration and the associated corporate governance processes. Thanks to Bryony for her role as Welfare Officer.</p> <p>Sadly, the repainting of the courts scheduled for the autumn had to be deferred until 2025 due to a run of bad weather and we are looking forward to fresh surfaces being in place for the upcoming summer season.</p> <p>Finally I would like to record my gratitude to members of the club and particularly the committee who have made my past three years as Chairman fly by so pleasurably.</p>

2.	Treasurer's Report – Simon Gaylard														
	<p>MARSHFIELD TENNIS CLUB-AGM 16TH JANUARY 2025 – TREASURER'S REPORT</p> <p>Dear Members,</p> <p>This year financially has been a year of consolidation in preparation for some major expenditure in the next couple of years.</p> <table> <tr> <td>Annual Income- 26/10/23 to 16/01/25</td><td>£27852.87 (£19682.04 -2023)</td></tr> <tr> <td>Annual Expenditure- 26/10/23 to 16/01/25</td><td>£10818.29 (£8189.66– 2023)</td></tr> <tr> <td>Transfer to sinking fund</td><td>£22000 (£8000 -2023)</td></tr> </table> <p>Total Membership Fees have now exceeded £17.5k, more than £2k compared with last year & on target for meeting our financial objectives. Another significant difference is that we received generous donations of £1.5k and last January we made our last payment to the LTA for our loan to help fund the clubhouse. This positive position has enabled us to transfer £22k into our sinking fund, quite a major step for our long-term future. A Financial summary for this year is attached.</p> <p>Due to wet weather this year Chiltern Sports were unable to paint our courts so this is now planned for the coming spring, the cost will be £12k. Our metal-halide floodlights will need updating to LED probably in 2026, this depends on whether we have any lamp failures; the columns will also be repainted so the estimate is between £40 - £45k. The clubhouse is in a good state so our annual treatment of the timber is necessary. It should be noted we now have to pay VAT on all club improvements.</p> <table> <tr> <td>Bank balances 07/01/25</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>Current account</td><td>£4812.17 (£9777.59 Oct 2023)</td></tr> <tr> <td>Sinking Fund account</td><td>£94851.37 (71454.95)</td></tr> <tr> <td>Total</td><td>£99663.54 (£81232.54)</td></tr> </table> <p>My view is that the club is in a very fortunate position of having a very healthy sinking fund that will cover the maintenance of the courts, floodlights and clubhouse. The big expense will occur around 2028 when all courts will need resurfacing. The life of the courts has been extended from the original estimate of 10 years to about 18 years so looking after them has paid dividends.</p> <p>Sorry I can't present this in person as away on holiday but thank you for attending this AGM meeting.</p> <p>Simon Gaylard</p> <p>MTC Treasurer</p>	Annual Income- 26/10/23 to 16/01/25	£27852.87 (£19682.04 -2023)	Annual Expenditure- 26/10/23 to 16/01/25	£10818.29 (£8189.66– 2023)	Transfer to sinking fund	£22000 (£8000 -2023)	Bank balances 07/01/25		Current account	£4812.17 (£9777.59 Oct 2023)	Sinking Fund account	£94851.37 (71454.95)	Total	£99663.54 (£81232.54)
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3.	MARSHFIELD TENNIS CLUB AGM – Head Coach Report
	<p>14 years in and 2024 was another good year for the coaching programme and club. I continue to be very busy on court, completing more hours of coaching last year than ever before. I remain a fully licenced coach, completing all the necessary requirements throughout the year to maintain my accreditation+ status.</p> <p>Focus Junior and Adult group coaching Private lessons Holiday camps Schools Competition <i>All annual targets achieved</i></p> <p>Group Coaching / Private Lessons Good selection of coaching groups currently covering an age range of 4-76 and varying levels of play for juniors and adults, starting at beginner level going through to county standard. Sessions are well attended, a lot of fun, with lots of committed players. In the summer I lost a significant number of juniors who finished school and have headed off to university, work or travel. Some of these have enjoyed tennis lessons with me throughout their entire school years! I decided to hold off starting new junior groups to allow me to meet the demand for individual lessons but will be resuming two new junior groups in Spring 2025. Throughout the year demand for individual lessons was a challenge but I am happy that I was able to fulfil as many session as I could.</p> <p>Holiday Camps Attendance good throughout the year with the summer holiday session very popular. No planned change to the format as I also need to fit other sessions around them.</p> <p>Schools I continued to work at Marshfield Primary School throughout the year with the occasional school visit elsewhere.</p> <p>Competition Nicola Webber has helped me by running some junior competitions that I used to run a few years back. These events are typically a morning or afternoon session at the weekend using 2/3 courts and the feedback from Nicola and the players has been fantastic so far. She will not be running as many events as I did but it is good to have these events back at the club.</p>

The club box leagues for singles and doubles were played out throughout the year.

The LTA online system is simple and works well enough for the results to be inputted by the players, just a couple of issues with players in multiple pairings and players with accounts not linked to LTA competitions.

There are lots of players involved, with some great matches played but often not many matches are completed.

I will be looking into a different system for 2025 mainly to get more singles matches played and I am open to any suggestions!

Wiltshire Tennis Coach Workforce Lead

In April 2024 I joined the Wiltshire Tennis Management Committee as the Coach Workforce Lead.

I have various tasks supporting the coaches around the county.

MTC had a significant representation in the Wiltshire LTA Awards.

World Record

A massive thank you to the club for everyone's support of my marathon world record silliness.

The challenge was far more difficult than I expected when I signed up due to having to carry more equipment but it was too late then.

The constant stream of donations kept me going through training and helped me achieve both my aims of raising funds for Sue Ryder and breaking the record.

2025

In 2025 I look forward to continuing all the various sessions, adding more school visits and internal competitions.

I will be adding new groups for our youngest players and a strength and conditioning based session for juniors.

Another coach for the weekends would be great but only when a suitable candidate becomes available.

A big thank you to Adrian for his amazing efforts over the last year, and the years before that, and the committee for their work running the club during the year.

We are lucky to have a committee that works so hard for the club for now and the future and they are the reason we have so many players and parents that are committed to the club.

4.	<u>Election of the Committee</u>
	<p>All members of the Committee who were present at the AGM resigned, were nominated, seconded and re-elected.</p> <p>Adrian Penn chose to remain on the committee but to resign as Chair. Simon Gaylard remains Treasurer and Sarah Betts Secretary.</p> <p>Adrian Penn nominated Neil Russell Bates as the new Chair seconded by Bryony.</p> <p>Ben Webb was elected onto the Committee.</p>
5.	<p>Fees: With effect from 2025 fees will increase by 5%:</p> <p>£126 for single member £210 per couple</p> <p>The membership fees will reduce pro-rata though the yearly quarters to avoid updating it through the year – Clubspark fees will be tweaked to reflect this.</p>
6.	Membership
	<p>Di Pressdee reported that membership has increased.</p> <p>There are currently 216 paid members comprising: Adult: 54 (£6,600) Seniors (70+) 8 (£880) Couple: 38 (£4,129) Family: 78 (£5,678) U25: 7 (£350) Juniors: 18 (£756) Mini: 13 (£440)</p> <p>Total income: £18,833 The amount we receive from the membership subs will in fact be slightly less, as this does not take into account the small percentage we have to pay Go Cardless if members choose to pay by direct debit. SG will have the accurate amount from the bank account totals but it will be around £18,000.</p> <p>As of 1.1.25 the subs will reduce again by one third so the membership package from Jan to end March are now: Adult: £53 Senior: £48 Couple: £92 Family: £104 U25: £20 Jr: £19 Mini: £13 Numbers of new members and leavers will be investigated.</p>

7.	<p>Any other Business</p> <p>Courts to be painted in April at an expected cost of £12,000. The lights will need to be replaced in the near future and £45,000 has been budgeted for this although it is hoped that costs could be brought down by hiring a cherry picker and painting at the same time.</p> <p>Resurfacing: SH suggested that the LTA have an independent consultation service where the courts are assessed for playability. League matches would be at risk if the surface was deemed insufficient. Decisions could then be made on the resurfacing timetable. So far the courts have been cleaned every 2-3 years and repainted twice – this has maintained the surface so far, but won't last forever.</p> <p>SH would like to run a singles tournament – better players could be handicapped to encourage more entries.</p> <p>Adrian Penn was nominated as volunteer of the year – results awaited. Sam Hull has been nominated for the President's Award.</p>
	<p><i>Thanks were offered from all to Adrian Penn for all his many and varied contributions to the Club over his time as Chair.</i></p>

The meeting was declared closed.

S Betts – Secretary 16/1/25